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"Bone" Deposits Impede the Giants

Mental Processes of the New York Nationals Stagnates as Soon as They Reach the Runways—Murphy Sees Winning Pitching Staff That Slipped Away From Him.

By DAMON RUNYON

NEW YORK, May 16.—In that high, shrill, petulant tone of voice peculiar to the second division, it might be remarked that the vast deposit of bone recently uncovered in the tally causeways up at the Polo grounds, none of the silent little things which are retarding the progress of our hitherto extremely progressive Giants.

While they still have all the speed that made them the best base runners in the league for two successive years, the mental processes of our industrious young men now appear to stagnate as soon as they reach the runways. In other words, none of the silent little things which are retarding the progress of our hitherto extremely progressive Giants.

Never a grace, elegance, team, the fielding errors of recent date stand out in such garish fashion just now because the offense of the Giants is sluggish, and particularly in base running, has been down, otherwise the mechanical misadventures would escape notice.

They get enough men on the base to do plenty of base running, and the McGraw policy in that respect has not been altered, but as the leader of the Giants once quipped remarked: "I can't run the bases for 'em."

After perceiving him to run banquet-officials at large around the borough for many years without interference, the citizens of Brooklyn were finally aroused to "solid" relief.

Against Charles B. Ebbels, president of the amazing Brooklyn Biazers, new Dodgers. He was held by his own Lucullan petard at the Shelburne hotel, Brighton Beach, when the thoroughly aroused citizenry gave him a testimonial dinner in commemoration of his 36 years in baseball and the completion of the new Ebbels' field. While it was not specifically alleged in the call, the dinner was also the

occasion for some relieving over the Brooklyn uprising in the baseball world. The inebriated William Dalton and all his players were present.

Now that the tumult and the shouting has faded to a whisper, Brudner Joe Evers will probably be permitted to return to the bosom of his family, from which he was ruthlessly torn by the hand of John J. McGraw this spring. It is possible that he may be sent to some New York State league club, with a thin thread attached to him, as there have been rumors when John's little brood has given off faint sparks of real Everesque promise, but in any event the stars foretell that Joseph is about to go away from here.

Sitting on the Giant bench Joseph was mangled by conflicting emotions, and if he smiled at the finish it was without any publicity.

Glancing about the lobby of the Shelburne, the piercing eyes of Charles W. Murphy encountered strangely familiar faces, and he was seized with a melancholy musing. "There's Pat Ragap," he said, "I had him once, and I let him go. There's Eddie Stach," he said, "I had him, and there's Cliff Curtis—curse you, Cliff, for your oily voice and city ways." I had him. Think of it! There's a whole pitching staff that slipped away from me!"

Then the orb of Charles W. Murphy fell upon Tim Woodruff, and realizing that he was in the presence of a man who has worn more multicolored waistcoats by accident than he, Charles Webb Murphy, has ever worn intentionally, the spirits of the Chicago clienteler sank to abysmal depths.

The next said: "You may ask me any questions you desire."

About the past or future, and I'll answer, rapid fire.

So please do not inquire.

"What's happened with the Giants?"

But one question I have finished, and

game, is likely to take its victories by overwhelming margins, but not get so many of them as a good balanced club, one which is not so strong in any particular line, but whose weaknesses are of a lesser degree. Such a club is the Giant tribe of McGraw.

So the Giants have brought into position distinctly different types of forces. A poor simile would be the likening of the fray to combat between a powerful elephant and a fast, agile all-around fighter like a lion, the Giants being in the position of the latter.

McGraw's team, but fine pitching, fine base running, good batting and fair fielding, but the ratio of differences does not find the extremes shown by the Chicagoans.

The Pirates supplant the Cubs as the village to brush stadium, for a quarter of a century. All but about 1 percent of those who have essayed a guess as to the final standing have named the Pirates and Giants as the first two across the line and of these probably a little more than half expect the Pittsburghers to crown the New Yorkers out of the attic of the league. But the Cubs have shown more to date than either Pirates or Giants. Therefore, we arise to state that the games here now are some eight.

Should the National league race, in its final weeks along in the fall, simmer down to a neck and neck race between any two clubs, it is impossible to enrollers that one of these teams will be the Giants and the other either the Pirates or Cubs.

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